GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:333
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REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the re-constituted National Commission on Farmers has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Commission;

(c) whether the Government has considered the recommendations made by National Commission on Farmers on food security; and

(d) if so, the time by which the recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 333 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18TH APRIL, 2005.

(a) to (d): The National Commission on Farmers has since submitted its first interim report. The final report is required to be submitted by the Commission by 13.10.2006.

The report deals with integrated life saving support programme for farm families facing acute distress, productivity and livelihood enhancement in rainfed areas, a new deal for women in agriculture, strengthening and expanding the horticulture revolution, enhancing productivity quality and global competitiveness of cotton, sustaining and expanding trade of farm commodities and its sanitary and phytosanitary dimensions, village as knowledge centre and food & nutrition security of livestock and livelihoods. The report also covers rehabilitation and alleviation of fishermen and farm families from distress due to TSUNAMI, empowerment of community based organizations and Panchayati Raj Institutions and administrative initiatives like creation of a Gram Panchayat Mahila Fund for women.

The recommendations made in the interim report are not entirely in keeping with the Terms of Reference of the Commission and the Government is in dialogue with the Commission on this matter. Several recommendations made by the Commission are already covered under the existing schemes of the Government and the schemes to be taken up in the annual plan for this year.

The recommendations require examination by various departments for which action has been initiated.